

RESPONSE

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office action issued on June 28, 2007.

The Office action

The Examiner has required an election of invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has identified two inventions being claimed:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 21-22, drawing to a method for making ferrous metal alloy foil; and
- II. Claims 16-20 and 23-24, drawn to a catalytic converter.

Applicants hereby elect, *with traverse*, the invention of Group I, claims 1-15 and 21-22.


In addition to the requirement to elect an invention, the Examiner has also indicated that an election of species be made. Because the invention is a process (or method) type of invention, the Applicants are not sure what the "species" are from which the Examiner is requiring election. However, in an attempt to be complete in responding to the Office action, Applicants elect FeCrAl as the "species" of alloy material to be made by the process of the elected invention. Claims 1-15 and 21-22 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that this election is fully responsive for the requirement made by the Examiner in the outstanding Office action. Early examination and notification of allowability is earnestly solicited. Should any issues arise during Examination which requires clarification, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to attempt to resolve any issues.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 35296US1.

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